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SUBJECT: INQUIRY ABOUT PERSEPOLIS SCHOOL

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ASKED BY SOME PRIVATE CITIZENS IN CALIFORNIA FOR ANY BACKGROUND WE HAVE ON PERSEPOLIS SCHOOL, BOX 23, ARAK, IRAN. SCHOOL'S DIRECTOR, MRS. BAYAT, HAS RECENTLY RUN ADS IN CALIFORNIA PAPERS SEEKING US TEACHERS. EXPLANATION GIVEN IS THAT SCHOOL, WHICH HAS BEEN IN ARAK FOR THREE YEARS, NOW MOVING TO TEHRAN TO BECOME INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL PROVIDING INSTRUCTION IN ENGLISH AND OTHER LANGUAGES. MRS. BAYAT'S SON WAS IN CALIFORNIA THIS SUMMER TO INTERVIEW APPLICANTS. HE HAS HIRED ABOUT FIVE WHO ARE SCHEDULED TO LEAVE FOR TEHRAN SEPTEMBER 6.

2. THOSE INQUIRING REPORTED THEY HAD NO REASON TO DOUBT SCHOOL'S BONA FIDES, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING MORE ABOUT SCHOOL BEFORE GROUP'S DEPARTURE. PLEASE CABLE ANYTHING YOU CAN LEARN BEFORE SEPTEMBER 6. KISSINGER

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